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The CASE of the Wholesale and Retail Dealers, in Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, &c. In Relation to the Bill now depending.

THAT the first Excise which was known in England, was given since the Restoration ; and That, instead of the Court of Ward and Liveries, which had been grievous to the Subject: And the Excise being very burdensome, attended with many Inconveniencies, Penalties, and Vexations, which must attend the fair Trader in this Bill now depending, and will no Ways prevent the clandestine Running of those Commodities, which (is humbly conceiv'd) is intended by the said Bill.

Fair Traders being oblig'd to enter their Shops, and Ware-Houses, &c. the Smuggler will never have any Place enter'd, but carry on their Trade by unknown Persons.

The Officers having a Power to enter by Night, must be of the utmost ill Consequence to the Subject ; exposing his said House and Ware-House to be plunder'd, and his Family put in the utmost Surprise. Any Dealers increasing their Stock by clandestine Running in the Night, may be discover'd in the Day.

Permits will be found very troublesome, hindering the Dispatch of Business, not to be obtain'd at all Times for the Supply of Country Chapmen, and very often clandestinely procur'd to convey and carry off Smuggled or Run Goods with Safety.

For Dealers to keep Books of Accounts of all Quantities of Coffee, &c. sold by them, and to whom, is altogether impracticable ; particularly to those who cannot write.

Erecting Publick Offices to roast Coffee-Berries, will be the entire Ruin of many Families which are now supported by that Employment ; and will also be a great Hinderance of Business, the Dealers not having any Opportunity to roast Coffee as usual.

It is humbly conceiv'd by this Bill, the Duties will be advanc'd on the said Commodities for Home Consumption, and lower'd on Exportation ; which will be an Encouragement to the Running Trade, and the contrary to the fair and honest Dealers for Home Consumption ; and that to lower the Duties on Coffee and Tea, &c. may have the same Effect as the Precedent on Pepper and Spice ; increase the Revenues, and support and encourage the fair Trader, and entirely put a Stop to the clandestine Running of those Commodities.

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